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Title : SOLUBLE MAST CELL FUNCTION ASSOCIATED ANTIGEN (MAFA)  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF MAKING AND  
USING THEM

Mail Stop Amendment  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application, the time for filing having been extended to March 8, 2005, by the accompanying petition for extension of time, consideration of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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The Remarks begin at page 10.

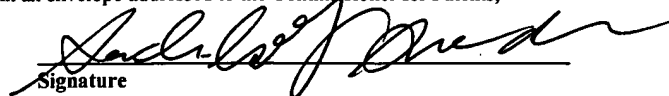
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